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18 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Scattergood-Thorne Property

1. Late Saturday afternoon, 16 March, Mr. Allen Dulles telephoned to give me the following information regarding a visit he had that morning from Mrs. Florence C. Thorne, one of the life tenants of the subject property. Apparently Mrs. Thorne had asked for an appointment and came to Mr. Dulles' house accompanied by a young man named [] who she said looked after her affairs. Mrs. Thorne was very much disturbed to have heard a rumor that as soon as she and her sister, Miss Margaret Scattergood, give up their life tenancy and their property reverts to the government, the house and all their carefully cultivated plantings and gardens would be bulldozed into a parking lot for the Agency.

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2. Mr. Dulles explained that of course he now had no active concern with the Agency's plans for this property, but he doubted very much that anything as firm as Mrs. Thorne described to him had been decided on. There was some reference during the conversation to the amount of money that Mrs. Thorne and her sister had spent out of their own pockets on improvements, but Mr. Dulles made no comment on this.

3. The conversation finally got around to [] desire to get a job with Mr. Christian Herter. He left a biographic summary with Mr. Dulles who, incidentally, was not very much impressed with his qualifications. Mr. Dulles thought the parking lot story was a trumped-up excuse to get [] in to see him about the job with Herter and we agreed that nothing need be done about the matter at this time.

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